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1. INTRODUCTION

Let X be a Banach space, let A be an m -accretive subset of $X \times X$, let $f : \mathbb{R} \times \overline{D(A)} \rightarrow X$ be a Carathéodory mapping which is T -periodic in its first variable, and let $h \in L^1(0, T; X)$. In this paper, we study the existence of T -periodic solutions to a class of a nonlinear evolution equations of the form

$$(1.1) \quad u'(t) + Au(t) \ni f(t, u(t)) + h(t) \quad \text{for } t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

This problem has been studied by many authors; cf. [1, 3, 5, 12, 14, 15, 19, 20]. In the case when A is the subdifferential of a proper, lower semicontinuous convex function on a Hilbert space, Ôtani [14] obtained a nice result. Vrabie [20] considered the case that A is a fully nonlinear operator. He considered the case that X is a Banach space, A is an m -accretive operator and $f : \mathbb{R} \times \overline{D(A)} \rightarrow X$ is a Carathéodory mapping such that $\overline{D(A)}$ is convex, $-A$ generates a compact semigroup, f is T -periodic in its first variable and there exists $a > 0$ such that $A - aI$ is m -accretive, and

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{r} \sup \{ \|f(t, v)\| : t \in \mathbb{R}, v \in \overline{D(A)}, \|v\| \leq r \} < a,$$

and he showed that (1.1) has a T -periodic, integral solution in the case of $h = 0$. Caşcaval and Vrabie [5] partially extended his result to the case that X is a Hilbert space, $-A$ generates a compact semigroup and $f : \mathbb{R} \times \overline{D(A)} \rightarrow X$ is a continuous mapping such that f is T -periodic in its first variable and bounded on every bounded subset in $\mathbb{R} \times \overline{D(A)}$, and there exists $r > 0$ such that $B_r \cap D(A)$ is nonempty and

$$\langle y - f(t, x), x \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{for every } (x, y) \in A \text{ with } \|x\| = r \text{ and } t \in [0, T],$$

and they showed that (1.1) has a T -periodic, strong solution in the case of $h = 0$.

The objects of this paper are to obtain a generalization of Caşcaval and Vrabie's result by relaxing the conditions that X is a Hilbert space and f is a continuous mapping, and an existence result on the T -periodic problem (1.1) for every $h \in L^1(0, T; X)$ in the case when X is a Banach space and f is a Carathéodory mapping. The idea is inspired by [10] in which Górniewicz and Plaskacz studied the existence of periodic solution of an ordinary differential equation. Our results are the following:

Theorem 1. *Let X be a separable Banach space and let A be an m -accretive subset of $X \times X$ such that $\overline{D(A)}$ is convex and $-A$ generates a compact semigroup. Let $T > 0$ and let f be a Carathéodory mapping from $[0, T] \times \overline{D(A)}$ into X . Assume that there exist $r > 0$ and $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $B_r \cap \overline{D(A)}$ is nonempty,*

$$\int_0^T \sup_{x \in \overline{D(A)} \cap B_{r+\varepsilon}} \|f(t, x)\| dt < \infty,$$

and for every $(x, y) \in A$ with $r - \varepsilon \leq \|x\| \leq r + \varepsilon$, there exists $z \in Jx$ such that

$$\langle y - f(t, x), z \rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{for almost every } t \in (0, T),$$

where $B_r = \{u \in X : \|u\| \leq r\}$ and J is the duality mapping from X into its topological dual. Then there exists at least one T -periodic, integral solution of

$$u'(t) + Au(t) \ni f(t, u(t)) \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq T.$$

Theorem 2. Let X , A , T and f be as in Theorem 1. Assume that for every $\rho > 0$ there exists $a_\rho \in L^1(0, T)$ such that $\|f(t, x)\| \leq a_\rho(t)$ for almost every $t \in [0, T]$ and for every $x \in \overline{D(A)}$ with $\|x\| \leq \rho$. Assume also that there exist $r > 0$, $c > 0$ and $b \in L^1(0, T)$ such that for every $(x, y) \in A$ with $\|x\| \geq r$, there exists $z \in Jx$ such that

$$\langle y - f(t, x), z \rangle \geq c\|x\|^2 - b(t)\|x\| \quad \text{for almost every } t \in (0, T).$$

Then for every $h \in L^1(0, T; X)$, there exists at least one T -periodic, integral solution u of

$$u'(t) + Au(t) \ni f(t, u(t)) + h(t) \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq T.$$

2. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this paper, all vector spaces are real, we denote by \mathbb{N} and \mathbb{R} , the set of all positive integers and the set of all real numbers, respectively, and by homology, we understand the Čech homology with rational coefficients; see [8, 9].

Let Y and Z be topological spaces. Let \mathcal{T} be a subset of $Y \times Z$. We identify the set \mathcal{T} with a multivalued mapping \mathcal{T} from Y into Z by $\mathcal{T}y = \{z \in Z : (y, z) \in \mathcal{T}\}$ for every $y \in Y$. We denote by $D(\mathcal{T})$ and $R(\mathcal{T})$, the sets $\{y \in Y : \mathcal{T}y \neq \emptyset\}$ and $\bigcup\{\mathcal{T}y : y \in D(\mathcal{T})\}$, respectively. We say that \mathcal{T} is upper semicontinuous if for every $y_0 \in Y$ and open set V in Z with $\mathcal{T}y_0 \subset V$, there exists a open neighborhood U of y_0 such that $\mathcal{T}y \subset V$ for every $y \in U$.

The following fixed point theorem was obtained in [9, 17]. Since [17] is written in Japanese, we give the proof in Appendix.

Proposition 1 (Górniewicz, Shioji). Let Y be a convex subset of a locally convex, Hausdorff topological vector space E and let K be a compact subset of Y . Let \mathcal{T} be an upper semicontinuous mapping from Y into K such that for every $y \in Y$, $\mathcal{T}y$ is a nonempty, acyclic, compact subset of K . Then there is an element y of Y such that $y \in \mathcal{T}y$.

Let X be a Banach space, let D be a subset of X and let $r > 0$. We denote by \overline{D} , the closure of D and we denote by B_r , the closed ball in X with center 0 and radius r . Let X^* be the topological dual of X . The value of $x^* \in X^*$ at $x \in X$ will be denoted by $\langle x, x^* \rangle$. Let J be the multivalued mapping from X into X^* defined by $Jx = \{x^* \in X^* : \langle x, x^* \rangle = \|x\|^2 = \|x^*\|^2\}$ for every $x \in X$. We call J the duality mapping from X into X^* . For every $(x, y) \in X \times X$, we define

$$[x, y]_+ = \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{\|x + ty\| - \|x\|}{t}.$$

We know that $(x, y) \mapsto [x, y]_+$ is an upper semicontinuous function from $X \times X$ into \mathbb{R} . We say a subset $A \subset X \times X$ is accretive if $[x_1 - x_2, y_1 - y_2]_+ \geq 0$ for every $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in A$. We know that A is accretive if and only if for every $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in A$, there exists $w^* \in J(x_1 - x_2)$ such that $\langle y_1 - y_2, w^* \rangle \geq 0$. We say an accretive set A is m -accretive if $R(I + \lambda A) = X$ for every $\lambda > 0$. Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ with $a < b$. We denote by $C(a, b; X)$, the space of all continuous functions from $[a, b]$ into X . For $1 \leq p < \infty$, we also denote by $L^p(a, b; X)$, the space of all strongly measurable, p -integrable, X -valued functions defined almost everywhere on $[a, b]$.

Let $A \subset X \times X$ be an m -accretive set, let $f \in L^1(a, b; X)$ and let $x \in \overline{D(A)}$. We say a function $u : [a, b] \rightarrow X$ is a strong solution of the initial value problem:

$$(2.1) \quad u(a) = x, \quad u'(t) + Au(t) \ni f(t) \quad \text{for } a \leq t \leq b,$$

if u is differentiable almost everywhere on $[a, b]$, u is absolutely continuous, $u(a) = x$ and $u'(t) + Au(t) \ni f(t)$ almost everywhere on $[a, b]$. We say a function $u : [a, b] \rightarrow X$ is an integral solution of the initial value problem (2.1), if u is continuous on $[a, b]$, $u(a) = x$, $u(t) \in \overline{D(A)}$ for every $a \leq t \leq b$ and

$$\|u(t) - y\| \leq \|u(s) - y\| + \int_s^t [u(\tau) - y, f(\tau) - z]_+ d\tau$$

for every $(y, z) \in A$ and s, t with $a \leq s \leq t \leq b$. If u is a strong solution of (2.1), then u is an integral solution of (2.1). We know from [2, 4] that the initial value problem (2.1) has a unique integral solution. If u and v are the integral solutions of (2.1) corresponding to $(x, f), (y, g) \in \overline{D(A)} \times L^1(a, b; X)$ respectively, then

$$\|u(t) - v(t)\| \leq \|u(s) - v(s)\| + \int_s^t [u(\tau) - v(\tau), f(\tau) - g(\tau)]_+ d\tau$$

for $a \leq s \leq t \leq b$.

If $A \subset X \times X$ is m -accretive, then

$$S(t)x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(I + \frac{t}{n} A \right)^{-n} x$$

exists for every $x \in \overline{D(A)}$ and uniformly for t on every bounded interval in the set of nonnegative real numbers; see [2, 6]. We say the family $\{S(t) : \overline{D(A)} \rightarrow \overline{D(A)}, t \geq 0\}$ is the nonlinear semigroup generated by $-A$. We remark that for every $x \in \overline{D(A)}$, $t \mapsto S(t)x$ is the unique integral solution of $u(0) = x$ and $u'(t) + Au(t) \ni 0$ for $t \geq 0$. We say $\{S(t) : \overline{D(A)} \rightarrow \overline{D(A)}, t \geq 0\}$ is compact if $S(t)$ is compact for every $t > 0$.

To prove our theorems, we need the following propositions; see [20, Theorem 2] and [7, Lemma 2]:

Proposition 2 (Vrabie). *Let X be a Banach space and let A be an m -accretive subset of $X \times X$ such that $-A$ generates a compact semigroup. Let B be a bounded subset of $\overline{D(A)}$, let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ with $a < b$ and let G be a uniformly integrable subset of $L^1(a, b; X)$. Then the set of all integral solutions of (2.1) corresponding to $(x, f) \in B \times G$ is relatively compact in $C(d, b; X)$ for every $d \in (a, b)$, and if, in addition, B is relatively compact in X , the set is relatively compact in $C(a, b; X)$.*

Proposition 3 (De Blasi and Myjak). *Let B be a subset of a separable Banach space X and let f be a Carathéodory mapping from $[0, 1] \times B$ into X such that $\int_0^1 \sup_{x \in B} \|f(t, x)\| dt < \infty$. Then for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a locally Lipschitz mapping g from $[0, 1] \times B$ into X such that*

$$\int_0^1 \sup_{x \in B} \|f(t, x) - g(t, x)\| dt < \varepsilon.$$

3. PROOF OF THEOREM 1

In this section, we give the proof of Theorem 1. Let α be a continuous function from $[0, \infty)$ into $[0, 1]$ such that $\alpha(t) = 1$ for $t \in [0, r + \varepsilon/2]$ and $\alpha(t) = 0$ for $t \in [r + 3\varepsilon/4, \infty)$. Define a Carathéodory mapping \tilde{f} from $[0, T] \times \overline{D(A)}$ into X by $\tilde{f}(t, x) = \alpha(\|x\|)f(t, x)$ for $(t, x) \in [0, T] \times \overline{D(A)}$. Since $\int_0^T \sup_{x \in \overline{D(A)}} \|\tilde{f}(t, x)\| dt < \infty$, Proposition 3 yields a sequence of locally Lipschitz functions $\{\tilde{f}_n\}$ from $[0, T] \times \overline{D(A)}$ into X such that $\tilde{f}_n(t, x) = 0$ for $(t, x) \in [0, T] \times (\overline{D(A)} \setminus B_{r+\varepsilon})$ and

$$(3.1) \quad \int_0^T \sup_{x \in \overline{D(A)}} \|\tilde{f}(t, x) - \tilde{f}_n(t, x)\| dt < \frac{1}{n}.$$

For every $x \in \overline{D(A)} \cap B_r$, we set

$$(3.2) \quad \mathcal{S}x = \{u : [0, T] \rightarrow \overline{D(A)}, u \text{ is an integral solution of } u(0) = x, \quad u'(t) + Au(t) \ni \tilde{f}(t, u(t)) \text{ for } 0 \leq t \leq T\}.$$

For every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\sigma \in [0, T]$, we denote by $F_{n,\sigma}$, the function from $[0, T] \times \overline{D(A)}$ into X defined by

$$F_{n,\sigma}(t, x) = \begin{cases} \tilde{f}(t, x) & \text{if } (t, x) \in [0, \sigma] \times \overline{D(A)}, \\ \tilde{f}_n(t, x) & \text{if } (t, x) \in (\sigma, T] \times \overline{D(A)}. \end{cases}$$

For every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x \in \overline{D(A)} \cap B_r$, we also set

$$(3.3) \quad \mathcal{S}_n x = \bigcup_{\sigma \in [0, T]} \{u : [0, T] \rightarrow \overline{D(A)}, u \text{ is an integral solution of } u(0) = x, \quad u'(t) + Au(t) \ni F_{n,\sigma}(t, u(t)) \text{ for } 0 \leq t \leq T\}.$$

Since $\int_0^T \sup_{x \in \overline{D(A)}} \|\tilde{f}(t, x)\| dt < \infty$, $\int_0^T \sup_{x \in \overline{D(A)}} \|\tilde{f}_n(t, x)\| dt < \infty$ and $-A$ generates a compact semigroup, we know from [18, Theorem 2] or [21, Theorem 3.8.1] that there exist integral solutions for (3.2) and (3.3) on a small interval $[0, \delta]$, and we also know from [21, Theorem 3.2.2] that such integral solutions are continuable on $[0, T]$. So $\mathcal{S}x$ and $\mathcal{S}_n x$ are nonempty for every $x \in \overline{D(A)} \cap B_r$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Lemma 1. *For every $x \in \overline{D(A)} \cap B_r$ and $u \in \mathcal{S}x$, $\|u(t)\| \leq r$ for every $t \in [0, T]$.*

Proof. Let $x \in \overline{D(A)} \cap B_r$ and let $u \in \mathcal{S}x$. Let $[T_0, T_1]$ be an interval contained in $[0, T]$ such that $u(T_0) = r$ and $r - \varepsilon/4 \leq \|u(t)\| \leq r + \varepsilon/4$ for every $t \in [T_0, T_1]$. Since u is an integral solution of $u'(t) + Au(t) \ni \tilde{f}(t, u(t))$ on the interval $[T_0, T_1]$, for every $\delta \in (0, \varepsilon/4)$, there exist $t_0, \dots, t_N \in [0, T]$, $x_0, \dots, x_N \in \overline{D(A)}$, $f_0, \dots, f_N \in X$ such that

$$T_0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_{N-1} < T_1 \leq t_N, \quad \max(t_i - t_{i-1}) \leq \delta,$$

$$(3.4) \quad \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} \|f_i - \tilde{f}(t, u(t))\| dt \leq \delta, \quad \frac{x_i - x_{i-1}}{t_i - t_{i-1}} + Ax_i \ni f_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

and

$$(3.5) \quad \|v(t) - u(t)\| \leq \delta \quad \text{for every } t \in [T_0, T_1],$$

where

$$v(t) = \begin{cases} x_0 & \text{if } t = t_0, \\ x_i & \text{if } t \in (t_{i-1}, t_i], \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N; \end{cases}$$

see [13]. From the hypothesis of our theorem, (3.4), (3.5) and $0 < \delta < \varepsilon/4$, for every $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$, there exists $z_i^* \in Jx_i$ such that

$$\left\langle f_i - \frac{x_i - x_{i-1}}{t_i - t_{i-1}} - \tilde{f}(t, x_i), z_i^* \right\rangle \geq 0 \quad \text{for almost every } t \in [0, T].$$

So we have

$$\|x_j\| \leq \|x_0\| + \sum_{i=1}^j \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} \|f_i - \tilde{f}(t, x_i)\| dt \leq r + 2\delta + \sum_{i=1}^j \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} \|\tilde{f}(t, u(t)) - \tilde{f}(t, x_i)\| dt$$

for every $j = 1, 2, \dots, N$, which implies

$$\|u(t)\| \leq r + 3\delta + \sum_{i=1}^N \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} \|\tilde{f}(t, u(t)) - \tilde{f}(t, x_i)\| dt$$

for every $t \in [T_0, T_1]$. Since $\delta \in (0, \varepsilon/4)$ is arbitrary, we obtain $\|u(t)\| \leq r$ for every $t \in [T_0, T_1]$. This completes the proof. \square

Lemma 2. For every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x \in \overline{D(A)} \cap B_r$, $\mathcal{S}_n x$ is compact, where $\mathcal{S}_n x$ is endowed with the $C(0, T; X)$ topology.

Proof. Since $\mathcal{S}_n x$ is relatively compact from Proposition 2, we only need to show that $\mathcal{S}_n x$ is closed. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and let $x \in \overline{D(A)} \cap B_r$. Let $\{u_m\}$ be a sequence in $\mathcal{S}_n x$ which converges to u . We shall show $u \in \mathcal{S}_n x$. For every $m \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists $\sigma_m \in [0, T]$ such that u_m is an integral solution of

$$(3.6) \quad u_m(0) = x, \quad u'_m(t) + Au_m(t) \ni F_{n, \sigma_m}(t, u_m(t)) \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq T.$$

We may assume that $\{\sigma_m\}$ converges to $\sigma \in [0, T]$. Then $\{F_{n, \sigma_m}(t, u_m(t))\}$ converges to $F_{n, \sigma}(t, u(t))$ in $L^1(0, T; X)$. Since u_m is an integral solution of (3.6), we have

$$\|u_m(t) - y\| \leq \|u_m(s) - y\| + \int_s^t [u_m(\tau) - y, F_{n, \sigma_m}(\tau, u_m(\tau)) - z]_+ d\tau$$

for every $(y, z) \in A$, s, t with $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$ and $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Tending m to infinity, we have $u \in \mathcal{S}_n x$. Hence, $\mathcal{S}_n x$ is closed. \square

The following is crucial to prove our theorem. In the proof, we use the method employed in [11, Proposition 3] and [22].

Lemma 3. For every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x \in \overline{D(A)} \cap B_r$, $\mathcal{S}_n x$ is contractible.

Proof. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and let $x \in \overline{D(A)} \cap B_r$. For every $s \in [0, 1]$ and $v \in \mathcal{S}_n x$, we denote by $w_{s,v}$, the integral solution $w_{s,v} : [sT, T] \rightarrow \overline{D(A)}$ of

$$w_{s,v}(sT) = v(sT), \quad w'_{s,v}(\tau) + Aw_{s,v}(\tau) \ni \tilde{f}_n(\tau, w_{s,v}(\tau)) \quad \text{for } sT \leq t \leq T.$$

Define a function H from $[0, 1] \times \mathcal{S}_n x$ into $\mathcal{S}_n x$ by

$$H(s, v)(t) = \begin{cases} v(t) & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq sT, \\ w_{s,v}(t) & \text{if } sT \leq t \leq T \end{cases} \quad \text{for every } (s, v) \in [0, 1] \times \mathcal{S}_n x.$$

We shall show that H is continuous. Let $(s_0, v_0) \in [0, 1] \times \mathcal{S}_n x$. Since \tilde{f}_n is locally Lipschitz, for every $\tau \in [0, T]$, there exist $\delta_\tau > 0$ and $K_\tau > 0$ such that $y \in \overline{D(A)}$, $t \in [s_0 T, T]$ with $|t - \tau| < \delta_\tau$ and $\|y - w_{s_0, v_0}(t)\| < \delta_\tau$ imply $\|\tilde{f}_n(t, y) - \tilde{f}_n(t, w_{s_0, v_0}(t))\| \leq K_\tau \|y - w_{s_0, v_0}(t)\|$. From the compactness of $[s_0 T, T]$, there exists $\{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_m\} \subset [s_0 T, T]$ such that $[s_0 T, T] \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^m (\tau_i - \delta_{\tau_i}, \tau_i + \delta_{\tau_i})$. Set $\delta = \min\{\delta_{\tau_1}, \dots, \delta_{\tau_m}\}$ and $K = \max\{K_{\tau_1}, \dots, K_{\tau_m}\}$. Then we have

$$(3.7) \quad \|\tilde{f}_n(t, y) - \tilde{f}_n(t, w_{s_0, v_0}(t))\| \leq K \|y - w_{s_0, v_0}(t)\|$$

for every $(t, y) \in [s_0 T, T] \times \overline{D(A)}$ with $\|y - w_{s_0, v_0}(t)\| < \delta$. Fix $\eta \in (0, \delta]$. Choose $\rho > 0$ satisfying $\rho < \delta$ and $\rho < \eta/(4e^{KT})$. We can also choose $\zeta \in (0, \rho]$ such that

$$\int_t^{t+\zeta T} \sup_{y \in \overline{D(A)}} \|\tilde{f}(\tau, y)\| d\tau < \rho \quad \text{and} \quad \int_t^{t+\zeta T} \sup_{y \in \overline{D(A)}} \|\tilde{f}_n(\tau, y)\| d\tau < \rho \quad \text{for every } t \in [0, (1 - \zeta)T].$$

From $v_0 \in \mathcal{S}_n x$, there exists $\sigma \in [0, T]$ such that v_0 is an integral solution of

$$v_0(0) = x, \quad v_0'(\tau) + Av_0(\tau) \ni F_{n, \sigma}(\tau, v_0(\tau)) \quad \text{for } 0 \leq \tau \leq T.$$

We remark that

$$\int_t^{t+\zeta T} \|F_{n, \sigma}(\tau, v_0(\tau))\| d\tau < 2\rho \quad \text{for every } t \in [0, (1 - \zeta)T].$$

Let $(s, v) \in [0, T] \times \mathcal{S}_n x$ such that $|s - s_0| < \zeta$ and $\|v - v_0\| < \zeta$. For every $t \in [s_0 T, sT]$ in the case of $s \geq s_0$ or for every $t \in [sT, s_0 T]$ in the case of $s_0 \geq s$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|H(s, v)(t) - H(s_0, v_0)(t)\| \\ & \leq \begin{cases} \|v(t) - v_0(t)\| + \int_{s_0 T}^t \|F_{n, \sigma}(\tau, v_0(\tau)) - \tilde{f}_n(\tau, w_{s_0, v_0}(\tau))\| d\tau & \text{if } s \geq s_0, \\ \|v(sT) - v_0(sT)\| + \int_{sT}^t \|\tilde{f}_n(\tau, w_{s, v}(\tau)) - F_{n, \sigma}(\tau, v_0(\tau))\| d\tau & \text{if } s_0 \geq s, \end{cases} \\ & \leq 4\rho. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$(3.8) \quad \|H(s, v)(t) - H(s_0, v_0)(t)\| \leq 4\rho + \int_{T'}^t \|\tilde{f}_n(\tau, w_{s, v}(\tau)) - \tilde{f}_n(\tau, w_{s_0, v_0}(\tau))\| d\tau$$

for every $t \in [T', T]$, where $T' = \max\{sT, s_0 T\}$. We shall show that $\|H(s, v)(t) - H(s_0, v_0)(t)\| < \eta$ for every $t \in [0, T]$. Suppose not. Then there exists $t_0 \in (T', T]$ such that $\|H(s, v)(t_0) - H(s_0, v_0)(t_0)\| = \eta$ and $\|H(s, v)(t) - H(s_0, v_0)(t)\| < \eta$ for every $t \in [T', t_0)$. By (3.7), (3.8) and Gronwall's inequality, we have $\|H(s, v)(t_0) - H(s_0, v_0)(t_0)\| \leq 4\rho e^{KT} < \eta$, which is a contradiction. So, we have $\|H(s, v)(t) - H(s_0, v_0)(t)\| < \eta$ for every $t \in [0, T]$. Hence H is continuous.

On the other hand, for every $v \in \mathcal{S}_n x$, $H(1, v) = v$ and $H(0, v) = w$, where w is the integral solution of

$$w(0) = x, \quad w'(t) + Aw(t) \ni \tilde{f}_n(t, w(t)) \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq T.$$

Therefore $\mathcal{S}_n x$ is contractible. □

Lemma 4. For every $x \in \overline{D(A)} \cap B_r$, Sx is compact and acyclic.

Proof. Let $x \in \overline{D(A)} \cap B_r$. Since $F_{n,T} = \tilde{f}$ for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have $\mathcal{S}x \subset \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{S}_n x$. We shall show the opposite inclusion. Let $u \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{S}_n x$. Then for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists $\sigma_n \in [0, T]$ such that u is an integral solution of

$$u(0) = x, \quad u'(t) + Au(t) \ni F_{n,\sigma_n}(t, u(t)) \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq T.$$

Then, from (3.1), we have

$$\|u(t) - y\| \leq \|u(s) - y\| + \int_s^t [u(\tau) - y, \tilde{f}(\tau, u(\tau)) - z]_+ d\tau + \frac{1}{n}$$

for every $(y, z) \in A$, s, t with $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Tending n to infinity, we obtain $u \in \mathcal{S}x$. So we have $\mathcal{S}x = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{S}_n x$. From Lemma 2, Lemma 3 and the continuity property of the Čech homology, we have that $\mathcal{S}x$ is compact and acyclic. \square

Now, we can give the proof of our theorem.

Proof of Theorem 1. Let $Z_0 = \bigcup \{v(T) : y \in \overline{D(A)} \cap B_r, v \in \mathcal{S}y\}$. From Lemma 1, Z_0 is a nonempty subset of $\overline{D(A)} \cap B_r$. Let Z be the closed, convex hull of Z_0 . From Proposition 2, Z_0 is relatively compact and hence Z is compact. Let Y be the set $\{u \in C(0, T; X) : u(t) \in \overline{D(A)} \cap B_r \text{ for every } t \in [0, T] \text{ and } u(T) \in Z\}$ and let \mathcal{T} be a multivalued mapping from Y into $C(0, T; X)$ defined by

$$\mathcal{T}u = \mathcal{S}u(T) \quad \text{for every } u \in Y,$$

i.e., \mathcal{T} is the composition of $u \mapsto u(T)$ and \mathcal{S} . From the compactness of Z , Proposition 2, Lemma 1 and Lemma 4, $\mathcal{T}(Y)$ is contained in a compact subset of Y and $\mathcal{T}u$ is a nonempty, acyclic, compact subset of Y for every $u \in Y$. We shall show that \mathcal{T} is upper semicontinuous. Suppose not. Then there exist $u \in Y$, a open neighborhood V of $\mathcal{T}u$, $\{u_n\} \subset Y$ and $\{v_n\} \subset Y$ such that $\{u_n\}$ converges to u and $v_n \in \mathcal{T}u_n \setminus V$ for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$. From Proposition 2, we may assume $\{v_n\}$ converges to v , and hence $v \notin V$. Since $v_n \in \mathcal{T}u_n$, we have $v_n(0) = u_n(T)$ and

$$\|v_n(t) - y\| \leq \|v_n(s) - y\| + \int_s^t [v_n(\tau) - y, \tilde{f}(\tau, v_n(\tau)) - z]_+ d\tau$$

for every $(y, z) \in A$, s, t with $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Tending n to infinity, we obtain $v \in \mathcal{T}u$, which contradicts $\mathcal{T}u \subset V$ and $v \notin V$. So, \mathcal{T} is upper semicontinuous. Hence, by Proposition 1, there exists a point $u \in Y$ such that $u \in \mathcal{T}u$. By the definition of \mathcal{T} , $u(0) = u(T)$ and u is an integral solution of $u'(t) + Au(t) \ni \tilde{f}(t, u(t))$ for $0 \leq t \leq T$. From Lemma 1, u is also an integral solution of $u'(t) + Au(t) \ni f(t, u(t))$ for $0 \leq t \leq T$. This completes the proof. \square

4. PROOF OF THEOREM 2

In this section, we give the proof of Theorem 2. Let $h \in L^1(0, T; X)$. Let M, R and ρ be real numbers such that $M = \int_0^T |b(s)| ds + \int_0^T \|h(s)\| ds$, $R = \max\{r + M + 2, (1 + 1/(cT))(M + 1)\}$ and $\rho = R + M + 4$. From the hypothesis of Theorem 2, there exists $a_\rho \in L^1(0, T)$ such that $\|f(t, x)\| \leq a_\rho(t)$ for almost every $t \in [0, T]$ and for every $x \in \overline{D(A)}$ with $\|x\| \leq \rho$. Let α be a continuous function from $[0, \infty)$ into $[0, 1]$ which satisfies

$$\alpha(\tau) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \tau \leq \rho - 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } \tau \geq \rho \end{cases} \quad \text{for } \tau \geq 0.$$

Define a function $\tilde{f} : [0, T] \times \overline{D(A)} \rightarrow X$ by $\tilde{f}(t, x) = \alpha(\|x\|)f(t, x)$ for every $(t, x) \in [0, T] \times \overline{D(A)}$. Since $\int_0^T \sup_{x \in \overline{D(A)}} \|\tilde{f}(t, x)\| dt \leq \int_0^T a_\rho(\tau) d\tau < \infty$, Proposition 3 yields a sequence of locally Lipschitz functions $\{\tilde{f}_n\}$ from $[0, T] \times \overline{D(A)}$ into X such that

$$(4.1) \quad \int_0^T \sup_{x \in \overline{D(A)}} \|\tilde{f}(t, x) - \tilde{f}_n(t, x)\| dt < \frac{1}{n} \quad \text{for every } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

For every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x \in \overline{D(A)} \cap B_R$, we set $F_n x = u(T)$, where u is the unique integral solution of

$$(4.2) \quad u(0) = x, \quad u'(t) + Au(t) \ni \tilde{f}_n(t, u(t)) + h(t) \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq T.$$

From [21, Theorem 3.2.2], and [18, Theorem 2] or [21, Theorem 3.8.1], we know that F_n is well defined.

Lemma 5. *Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $x \in \overline{D(A)} \cap B_R$ and let u be the integral solution of (4.2). Then $\|u(t)\| \leq R + M + 1$ for every $t \in [0, T]$.*

Proof. Suppose not. Then there exist $T_0, T_1 \in [0, T]$ such that $T_0 < T_1$, $\|u(T_0)\| = R$, $R \leq \|u(t)\| \leq R + M + 2$ for every $t \in [T_0, T_1]$ and $\|u(T_1)\| > R + M + 1$. Since u is the integral solution of $u'(t) + Au(t) \ni \tilde{f}_n(t, u(t)) + h(t)$ on the interval $[T_0, T_1]$, by the same method as in the proof of Lemma 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|u(T_1)\| &\leq \|u(T_0)\| + \int_{T_0}^{T_1} \|h(s)\| ds + 1 - c \int_{T_0}^{T_1} \|u(s)\| ds + \int_{T_0}^{T_1} |b(s)| ds \\ &\leq R + M + 1. \end{aligned}$$

So we obtain a contradiction. This completes the proof. \square

Lemma 6. *For every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, F_n is a mapping from $\overline{D(A)} \cap B_R$ into itself.*

Proof. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $x \in \overline{D(A)} \cap B_R$ and let u be the integral solution of (4.2). First, we consider the case that there exists $T_2 \in [0, T]$ such that $\|u(T_2)\| < R - M - 1$. Suppose $\|u(T)\| > R$. Then there exists $T_3 \in (T_2, T]$ such that $\|u(T_3)\| = R - M - 1$ and $\|u(t)\| \geq R - M - 1$ for every $t \in [T_3, T]$. By the same method as in the proof of Lemma 1, we have

$$\|u(T)\| \leq \|u(T_3)\| + \int_{T_3}^T \|h(s)\| ds + \frac{1}{n} - c \int_{T_3}^T \|u(s)\| ds + \int_{T_3}^T |b(s)| ds \leq R,$$

which is a contradiction. So we have $\|u(T)\| \leq R$. Next, we consider the case that $\|u(t)\| \geq R - M - 1$ for every $t \in [0, T]$. Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|u(T)\| &\leq \|u(0)\| + \int_0^T \|h(t)\| dt + \frac{1}{n} - c \int_0^T \|u(t)\| dt + \int_0^T |b(t)| dt \\ &\leq \|u(0)\| + M + 1 - cT(R - M - 1) \leq R. \end{aligned}$$

Hence F_n is a mapping from $\overline{D(A)} \cap B_R$ into itself. \square

Lemma 7. *For every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, F_n is continuous.*

Proof. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $x \in \overline{D(A)} \cap B_R$ and let u be the integral solution of (4.2). Since \tilde{f}_n is locally Lipschitz, by the same method to prove (3.7), there exist $K > 0$ and $\eta > 0$ such that

$$(4.3) \quad \|\tilde{f}_n(t, y) - \tilde{f}_n(t, u(t))\| \leq K\|y - u(t)\|$$

for every $(t, y) \in [0, T] \times \overline{D(A)}$ with $\|y - u(t)\| < \eta$. Let $\varepsilon \in (0, \eta)$ and let $\delta > 0$ satisfying $\delta e^{KT} < \varepsilon$. Let $y \in \overline{D(A)} \cap B_R$ be a point satisfying $\|x - y\| < \delta$ and let v be the integral solution of $v(0) = y$ and $v'(t) + Av(t) \ni \tilde{f}_n(t, v(t)) + h(t)$ for $0 \leq t \leq T$. We shall show $\|u(t) - v(t)\| < \varepsilon$ for every $t \in [0, T]$. Suppose not. Then there exists $t_0 \in (0, T]$ such that $\|u(t_0) - v(t_0)\| = \varepsilon$ and $\|u(t) - v(t)\| < \varepsilon$ for every $t \in [0, t_0]$. By (4.3), Gronwall's inequality implies $\|u(t_0) - v(t_0)\| \leq \delta e^{KT} < \varepsilon$, which is a contradiction. Hence F_n is continuous. \square

Proof of Theorem 2. From Lemma 6, Lemma 7 and Proposition 2, F_n is a compact mapping from $\overline{D(A)} \cap B_R$ into itself for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Hence, for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists a fixed point of F_n by Schauder's fixed point theorem, i.e., there exists an integral solution u_n of $u'_n(t) + Au_n(t) \ni \tilde{f}_n(t, u_n(t)) + h(t)$ for $0 \leq t \leq T$ such that $u_n(0) = u_n(T)$ and $\|u_n(0)\| \leq R$. From Proposition 2, we may assume $\{u_n\}$ converges to u in $C(0, T; X)$. Let $(x, y) \in A$ and let $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ with $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$. From (3.7), we have

$$\|u_n(t) - x\| \leq \|u_n(s) - x\| + \int_s^t [u_n(\tau) - x, \tilde{f}(\tau, u_n(\tau)) + h(\tau) - y]_+ d\tau + \frac{1}{n}$$

for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Tending n to infinity, we obtain that u is an integral solution of $u'(t) + Au(t) \ni \tilde{f}(t, u(t)) + h(t)$ for $0 \leq t \leq T$ such that $u(0) = u(T)$ and $\|u(0)\| \leq R$. From Lemma 5, u is also an integral solution of $u'(t) + Au(t) \ni f(t, u(t)) + h(t)$ for $0 \leq t \leq T$. Hence we obtain the desired result. \square

5. AN EXAMPLE

Let Ω be a bounded domain in \mathbb{R}^n ($n \geq 2$) with smooth boundary Γ . We consider the following nonlinear differential equation:

$$(5.1) \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \Delta \rho(u) = g(t, x, u(t, x)) + h(t, x) \quad \text{on } \mathbb{R} \times \Omega$$

with a boundary condition

$$(5.2) \quad \rho(u) = 0 \quad \text{on } \mathbb{R} \times \Gamma.$$

Theorem 3. Let $\rho \in C(\mathbb{R}) \cap C^1(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\})$ such that $\rho(0) = 0$ and there exist $C > 0$ and $a > \frac{n-2}{n}$ with

$$\rho'(r) \geq C|r|^{a-1} \quad \text{for every } r \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}.$$

Let $g : \mathbb{R} \times \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that g is T -periodic in its first variable, $g(t, x, \cdot)$ is continuous for almost every $(t, x) \in \mathbb{R} \times \Omega$ and $g(\cdot, \cdot, u)$ is measurable for every $u \in \mathbb{R}$. Assume that there exist $a \in L^1(0, T)$ and $b \in L^1((0, T) \times \Omega)$ such that $|g(t, x, u)| \leq a(t)|u| + b(t, x)$ for $(t, x, u) \in [0, T] \times \Omega \times \mathbb{R}$ and that

$$\lim_{|u| \rightarrow \infty} \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{(t, x) \in \mathbb{R} \times \Omega} \frac{g(t, x, u)}{u} < 0.$$

Then for every $h \in L^1((0, T) \times \Omega)$, (5.1) and (5.2) have at least one T -periodic integral solution $u \in C(\mathbb{R}, L^1(\Omega))$.

Proof. Let A be the set defined by $\{(u, -\Delta \rho(u)) \in L^1(\Omega) \times L^1(\Omega) : \rho(u) \in W_0^{1,1}(\Omega)\}$ and let f be the function from $\mathbb{R} \times L^1(\Omega)$ into $L^1(\Omega)$ defined by $f(t, u)(x) = g(t, x, u(x))$ for every $(t, u, x) \in \mathbb{R} \times L^1(\Omega) \times \Omega$. We know that $-A$ generates a compact semigroup; see [21, Lemma 2.7.2]. From

the assumption, there exist $\delta, M > 0$ such that $g(t, x, u)/u \leq -\delta$ for $(t, x, u) \in \mathbb{R} \times \Omega \times \mathbb{R}$ with $|u| \geq M$. Then for every $u \in L^1(\Omega)$ and $z \in Ju$, we have

$$\int_{\Omega} g(t, x, u(x))z(x) dx \leq -\delta \|u\|_{L^1(\Omega)}^2 + \left((\delta + a(t))M|\Omega| + \int_{\Omega} b(t, x) dx \right) \|u\|_{L^1(\Omega)}.$$

So, from Theorem 2, for every $h \in L^1((0, T) \times \Omega)$, there exists a T -periodic integral solution for (5.1) and (5.2). \square

APPENDIX

In this appendix, we give the proof of Proposition 1. The following is obtained in [16].

Proposition 4. *Let Y be a subset of a Hausdorff topological vector space and let K be a Hausdorff topological space. Let \mathcal{T} be an upper semicontinuous multivalued mapping from $\text{co}Y$ into K such that for every $y \in \text{co}Y$, $\mathcal{T}y$ is a nonempty, acyclic, compact subset of K , and let \mathcal{G} be a multivalued mapping from Y into K such that for every $y \in Y$, $\mathcal{G}y$ is a closed subset of K , and*

$$(5.3) \quad \mathcal{T}(\text{co}\{y_1, \dots, y_n\}) \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n \mathcal{G}y_i \quad \text{for every finite subset } \{y_1, \dots, y_n\} \text{ of } Y.$$

Then $\{\mathcal{G}y : y \in Y\}$ has the finite intersection property.

From Proposition 4, we have the following, which is obtained in [17]. In the following, we can get a coincidence point of \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{T} , though there is no relationship between them.

Proposition 5. *Let Y be convex subset of a Hausdorff topological vector space and let K be a compact, Hausdorff topological space. Let \mathcal{T} and \mathcal{A} be multivalued mappings from Y into K such that \mathcal{T} is upper semicontinuous, for every $y \in Y$, $\mathcal{T}y$ is a nonempty, acyclic, compact subset of K and $\mathcal{A}y$ is an open subset of K , and for every $z \in K$, $\mathcal{A}^{-1}z$ is a nonempty, convex subset of Y . Then there is an element y of Y such that $\mathcal{A}y \cap \mathcal{T}y \neq \emptyset$.*

Proof. Assume that the conclusion does not hold. Define a multivalued mapping \mathcal{G} from Y into K by $\mathcal{G}y = K \setminus \mathcal{A}y$ for every $y \in Y$. We shall show (5.3). Suppose not. Then there exist a finite subset $\{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$ of Y , $y \in \text{co}\{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$ and $z \in \mathcal{T}y$ such that $z \notin \bigcup_{i=1}^n \mathcal{G}y_i$. So we have $z \in \mathcal{A}y_i$ i.e., $y_i \in \mathcal{A}^{-1}z$ for every $i = 1, \dots, n$. Since $\mathcal{A}^{-1}z$ is convex, we have $y \in \mathcal{A}^{-1}z$. So we obtain $z \in \mathcal{T}y \cap \mathcal{A}y$, which is a contradiction. Hence by Proposition 4 and the compactness of K , there exists $w \in K$ such that $w \in \bigcap_{y \in Y} \mathcal{G}y$. So we get $w \notin \mathcal{A}y$ for all $y \in Y$, which implies $\mathcal{A}^{-1}w = \emptyset$, and we get a contradiction. This completes the proof. \square

Proof of Proposition 1. Let U be an arbitrary, symmetric, convex, open neighborhood of 0 in E . Define a multivalued mapping \mathcal{A} from Y into K by $\mathcal{A}y = y + U$ for every $y \in Y$. By Proposition 5, there is a point $y_U \in Y$ such that $(y_U + U) \cap \mathcal{T}y_U \neq \emptyset$. From the standard compactness argument, we obtain the conclusion. \square

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